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Heroic Diplomat



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L'UDENCE has been brought to us Libat the Kremlin lied about a heroic Swedish diplomat who disappeared into the Soviet prison system more than 30 years ago. The Soviets put out the word in 1935 that Raoul Wallenberg, scion of a wealthy Stockholm family, had died in Moscow's Labianka Prison in 1947. But he may survive to this day in one of the prison camps of the Guing Archipeingo.

Now we have first hand evidence, from a fellow immate at the remote Vierimieuralskaya prison camp, that Wallenberg was still alive in 1959. Our source, former Polish army captain Abraham Kalinski, is now a chemical engineer in Israel after more than 15 years as a Soviet prisoner.

ALINSKI TOLD US that in 1951 he was joined by a new cellmate, David Vendrovsky, a former Jewish Telegraph Agency reporter. Vendrovsky had been transferred from confinement two cells away, where his cellmate had been Wallenberg and a former Latvian cabinet minister.

Another inmate, Simon Gogoberidize, told Kalinski of sharing a cell with
Wallenberg. The two peered through
their zlit-like cell window and could see
Wallenberg plodding in circles in the
exercise yard, under the watchful eye
of his guards. That was in 1959, before
Kalinski's release.

Eight years later, Kalinski learned that Gogoberidze had been released after serving a 25-year term, and visited and at his home During Best or wints orners. Gogoberidae sumarised Edmember that Swedist fallow Values berg! When last his was still litting there is prison. If his is out alway would have spent inore than 1867 and 1868 in the Soviet prison evolume.

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In January 1945, shortly after the Red Army had "Rhersted" Bodapest, Wallenberg was invited to meet the Soviet commandant, Matshai Malinovsky, at army headquarters. He was never seen by the outside world again.

He told his cellmate Vendrovsky years later that he had been taken to Moscow, interrogated in Lubianka Prison for nearly a year and then, without trial, sentenced to 25 years as a spy.

Kalinski has told his story to Swedish authorities in New York. The Swedish government may boycott the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games and demand an international investigation of the Wallenberg case.

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